

## **Nneka Norman-Gordon**

### **Candidate for Member-at-Large**

**Nneka is presently the Higher Education Resource Officer, for the Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Administration. She is a graduate of the TGMI Class of 2012.**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Nneka enjoys Jazzercise, Crossfit, TGL Leadership Book Club, and attending Cub Scout activities.**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Nneka is presently the President Elect of the TN Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (TN-ASPA), member of the Planning Committee for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Social Equity Leadership Conference established by the Standing Panel on Social Equity at the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) planned for Nashville in June 2015. Member of the Executive Council Member of TN-ASPA for 2013-2014. She has served as an Active Cub Scout mom from 2012 to present. Nneka is also a Member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

**MOST MEMORABLE TGMI EXPERIENCE: “Getting to know my TGMI Classmates and getting to know myself better through the “I AM” poster. Benjamin Franklin in his 1750’s Poor Richard’s Almanac observed the great difficulty of knowing one’s self with: “There are three Things extremely hard, Steel, a Diamond, and to know one’s self.” The “I AM” assignment really helped me to know myself and all the many facets of me better ... which will ultimately help me to be a better leader. By the way, I still have my poster.”**

#### **REASON FOR WANTING TO BE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:**

**“I have been with the State of Tennessee for 10 years. My journey began as a Personnel Examinations Analyst in the former Department of Personnel and I have been an employee of the Comptroller’s office for the past 9 years. TGMI was initially created “To create opportunities for employees to achieve their highest potential.” Being selected to participate in TGMI was a life-changing event for me. To me, participation in TGMI was a gift. I am so grateful and appreciative**

**of being granted the opportunity to join its illustrious ranks. I believe the adage “to whom much is given, much is expected.” I have learned so much from the weeks at the institute and the various TGMI activities following its completion (i.e. lunch and learns, the annual TGL conference, the leadership book club, and networking activities) and I would like the opportunity to give back to this organization that has so richly enhanced my life, both personally and professionally.**

**I believe in continuous learning and growing as an individual and leader and would like to see more TGMI Alumni taking full advantage of the many opportunities available to continue to grow and develop one’s leadership skills with the State of Tennessee. My vision is for more TGMI Alumni to take advantage of and participate in the self-directed Black Belt Leadership program in order to build on the leadership skills gained during the two weeks of TGMI. To that end, I am committed to continuing to promote the virtues of the BBLP and to provide technical assistance to those new to the program. I would also like to see greater participation and offerings of TGMI activities.**

**I would be honored to serve on the Committee and I would greatly appreciate your vote of Member-at-Large.”**